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SUBJECT: LOS: DAILY REPORT, COMMITTEE I, JULY 12

1. COMMITTEE I (C-I) HEARD GENERAL STATEMENTS FROM BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE (ELIZABETH MANN BORGHESE). SPEECHES BY LATIN REPS RANGED FROM VERY MODERATE IN TONE (BRAZIL) TO FAIRLY UNCOMPROMISING (VENEZUELA).

2. BRAZILIAN REP (RHOMPSON-FLORES) EMPHASIZED THAT TIME HAD ARRIVED FOR NEGOTIATION AND COMPROMISE ON FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES FACING C-I. HIS STATEMENT WAS VERY BRIEF AND BALDLY-WORDED, SUGGESTING THAT ONCE ALL DELS AGREED THAT AUTHORITY SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED WITH RESPONSIBILITY

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ONLY TASK REMAINING WOULD BE TO SPELL OUT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR EXPLOITATION. AMONG CONDITIONS THEY SUGGESTED FOR NEGOTIATION WERE THOSE TO ENSURE SECURITY OF TENURE, TO AVOID ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM SEABED MINING ON LAND-BASED PRODUCERS, TO ENSURE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

TO LDC'S AND THEIR FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN EXPLOITATION AND TO PROTECT

ENVIRONMENT. BRAZILIAN STATEMENT REJECTED COMPENSATION AS SOLUTION TO ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS PROBLEM, AS WELL AS ANY VETO SYSTEM IN AUTHORITY. BASED ON PREVIOUS STATEMENTS AND BEHAVIOR OF BRAZILIAN DEL, THIS STATEMENT MARKED A SHARP DIFFERENCE IN TONE IF NOT IN SUBSTANCE.

3. VENEZUELAN STATEMENT CONSISTED MORE STRIDENT SUPPORT OF ENTERPRISE APPROACH WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON PROTECTING LDC LAND-BASED PRODUCERS OF SEABED MINERALS. IN ADDITION, VENEZUELAN REP URGED THAT INTERNATIONAL SEABED REGIME BE EXTENDED TO SUPERJACENT WATERS FOR PURPOSES OF PRESERVING ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTING LIVING RESOURCES. APPLICATION OF REGIME TO WATER COLUMN IS NOT TOTALLY NEW CONCEPT IN LOS, BUT HAS BEEN STRONGLY OPPOSED BY US AND CONSIDERED BEYOND MANDATE OF C-I BY MOST DELS.

4. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REP ACCEPTED PREMISE THAT FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE AMONG DELS WAS EXTENT TO WHICH AUTHORITY WOULD CONTROL SEABED ACTIVITIES AND URGED DELS TO BEGIN WORK BY CONSIDERING FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR EXPLOITATION, CONDITIONS VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY LISTED IN GDR STATEMENT JULY 11. HE ALSO EXPLAINED TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO VIEW THAT COMMERCIAL NATURE OF ACTIVITIES TO BE DEALT WITH BY AUTHORITY MAKE UN SECURITY COUNCIL VOTING SYSTEM INAPPROPRIATE. LIKE BRAZILIAN STATEMENT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO STATEMENT WAS A MARKED CHANGE IN RHETORIC AND A CLEAR SIGNAL THAT NEGOTIATIONS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS IS APPROPRIATE.
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